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# CONTE SCHOOL RENOVATION



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North Adams, Massachusetts

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# OUTLINE

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# NORTH ADAMS SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mayor Alcombright	Local Chief Executive Officer
John Hockridge	School Committee Member
James Montepare	Superintendent of Schools
J. Matt Neville	Local Official responsible for School Building Maintenance
William Meranti	Building Inspector, Representative of Office authorized by law to construct school buildings
Sandra Cote	School Principal
Jean Bacon	Member knowledgeable in educational mission and function of facility
Laura Wood	Member – MCPPO (Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official Program)
Nancy Ziter	Local Budget official or member of local finance committee
Gary Pumbo	Member of community with architecture, engineering and/or construction experience
Anne Yenolevich	Teacher
Keith Bona	Parent and City Council
John Franzoni	Assistant Principal
Spencer Moser	Parent and MCLA representative
Ron Superneau	Former School Committee
Michelle Vareschi	Sullivan School parent
Max Quinn	Student representative, Drury Class 2012 President, Valedictorian



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# SCHOOL BUILDING PROCESS

Process began in 2007. *School Building Committee* formed in 2010

## MSBA Building Process



*Steps primarily for:*



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# APPROVED OPTION: CONTE ADDITION & RENOVATION



Consistently the School Building Committee's Preferred Option:

- No modular classrooms, bussing, or student relocation costs required during construction
  - Does not disrupt the students
  - Saves the city significant costs (these items NOT reimbursed by the MSBA)
- Project Costs less than other options
- Current Conte floor plan provides a great beginning for the proposed educational layout
- Addresses the most pressing city need: the limitations of the Sullivan School
- Neighborhood school
- Celebrates a historic city building



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# SPACE SUMMARY – SULLIVAN & CONTE

Sullivan does not meet state guidelines, is ageing and is difficult to expand.

The proposed Conte renovation will include:

- 5,000 sq. ft. more Core Academic Space
- 3,000 sq. ft. more Special Education Space (almost double)
- 2,000 sq. ft. more Art & Music Space
- 3,000 sq. ft. more Health & Physical Education Space
- 1,000 sq. ft. more Library Space (more than double)
- 1,000 sq. ft. more Administration and Medical Suite Space



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# SITE PLAN





# PROPOSED WEST ELEVATION



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# PROPOSED GYM INTERIOR



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# PROPOSED SECOND FLOOR CLASSROOM



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# PROPOSED SOUTH ELEVATION AND DROP-OFF



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# GROUND FLOOR PLAN



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# FIRST FLOOR PLAN

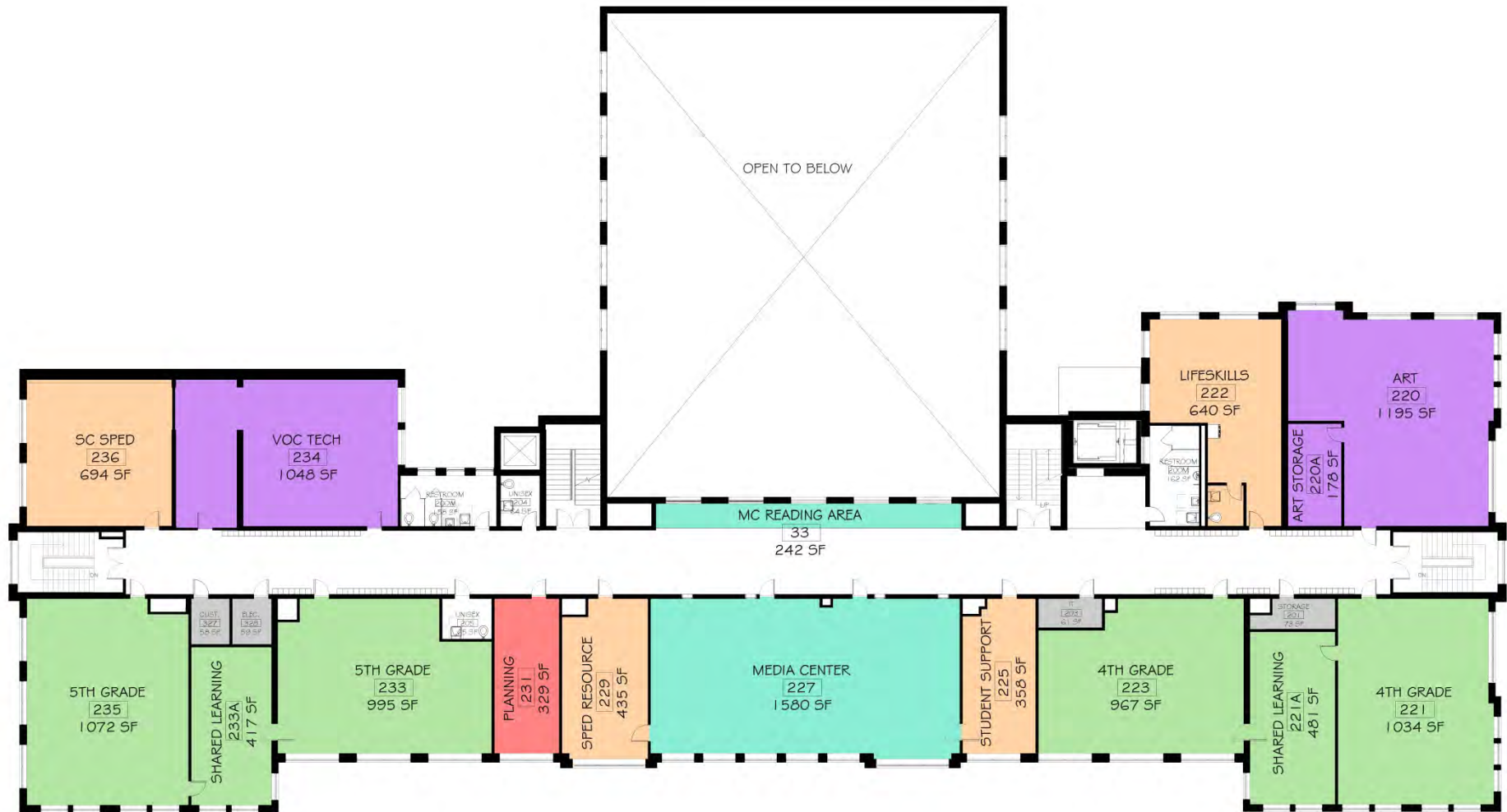


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# SECOND FLOOR PLAN



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# THIRD FLOOR PLAN



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# COST ESTIMATE AND BUDGET

## City of North Adams Share

- Total Project Budget with All Contingencies: \$ 29.7 million
- MSBA Potential Reimbursement: \$ 23.2 million
- **City of N. Adams Potential Share: \$ 6.5 million**

City Administration has carefully calculated that the cost of the school can be absorbed into current and future tax rates without the need for an “override” or “debt exclusion” measure, each of which would add an additional assessment to the tax bill.



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# INVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY

## New School Benefits

- Building design and facility conditions have been associated with increased teacher motivation and student achievement
- The National Association of Realtors reports that the quality of schools is one of the two most important factors people and businesses consider when choosing a location
- Property values increase in neighborhoods with higher-spending schools. Impact of schools can increase property value from 5 - 10%



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## NEXT STEPS

City of North Adams to vote on a referendum **April 30, 2013**

If measure passes and no further delays:

- Design Development & Construction Documents 2013
- Construction 2014 / 2015
- Anticipated Move In Fall 2015



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